

2016 Annual Report
South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing possible violations of the code of ethics for teachers. When the Commission determines that cause exists to believe a teacher has violated the code of ethics, the Commission holds a contested case hearing. Ultimately, the Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action which may be implemented by the appropriate governing body against a member of the teaching profession if the member has been determined by the Commission to have violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25 and found in ARSD 24:08:03. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission files a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2016, the Commission received five complaints. The Commission met on eight occasions and reviewed three complaints filed in 2015, which were pending at the end of 2015, and five complaints filed in 2016. The Commission conducted one investigation and held six contested hearings in 2016. One complaint was dismissed without a hearing, and one complaint was dismissed after a hearing, five complaints were referred to the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education for proceedings to revoke or suspend a certificate, and one complaint remains pending at the end of 2016.

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Connie Gretschmann, Chairman
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission